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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1642

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Inventors: Burczak et al.  
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Examiner: Ungar, Susan NMN  
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Metastases and for the Diagnosis of  
Selected Cancers

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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is a reply to the Final Rejection mailed November 5, 2003  
setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A  
Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite  
fee are provided herewith.

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